

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A bendable needle system, comprising:  
a bendable tubular needle having at least one a sharp cutting end; and  
a removable stylet inserted in a hollow interior of the bendable tubular needle,  
wherein the removable stylet further comprises:  
a flexible stylet body that allows the stylet to bend within the bendable tubular needle;  
and  
a tip that aligns flush to the sharp cutting end of the bendable tubular needle.
2. (Original) The bendable needle system of claim 1, further comprising a fitting  
coupled to a non-cutting end of the hollow interior of the needle.
3. (Original) The bendable needle system of claim 2, wherein the fitting comprises  
a handle, and wherein an object may be inserted into the hollow interior of the bendable  
tubular needle via a passage within the fitting.
4. (Original) The bendable needle system of claim 1, wherein the flexible stylet  
body further comprises a coil.
5. (Original) The bendable needle system of claim 1, wherein the flexible stylet  
body further comprises a flexible rod.
- 6 (Original) The bendable needle system of claim 1, wherein the flexible stylet  
body further comprises a flexible tube.
7. (Currently amended) The bendable needle system of claim 1, wherein a cross-  
section of the hollow interior comprises a shape in which ~~all~~ a plurality of points along the  
shape's perimeter are not equidistant from a longitudinal axis of the bendable tubular needle.
8. (Original) A removable stylet, comprising:  
a flexible stylet body that allows the removable stylet to bend within a bendable  
tubular needle having at least one a sharp cutting end, and wherein the removable stylet is  
inserted within a hollow interior of the bendable tubular needle; and  
a tip that aligns flush to the sharp cutting end of the bendable tubular needle.
9. (Original) The removable stylet of claim 8, further comprising a fitting  
coupled to a non-cutting end of the hollow interior of the needle.

10. (Original) The removable stylet of claim 9, wherein the fitting comprises a handle, and wherein an object may be inserted into the hollow interior of the bendable tubular needle via a passage within the fitting.

11. (Original) The removable stylet of claim 8, wherein the flexible stylet body further comprises a coil.

12. (Original) The removable stylet of claim 8, wherein the flexible stylet body further comprises a flexible rod.

13. (Original) The removable stylet of claim 8, wherein the flexible stylet body further comprises a flexible tube.

14. (Currently amended) The removable stylet of claim 8, wherein a cross-section of the hollow interior comprises a shape in which all a plurality of points along the shape's perimeter are not equidistant from a longitudinal axis of the bendable tubular needle.

15-21. (Canceled)

22. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 1, wherein said sharp cutting end is oval.

23. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 7, wherein said cross-section of said hollow interior is oval in shape.

24. (New) A bendable needle system, comprising:

a tubular bendable needle having a lumen therein, wherein patency of said lumen is maintained when bent; and

a removable flexible stylet positioned within said lumen, wherein said stylet aids in maintaining patency of said lumen during bending, and is conformable to, and easily extractable from, said lumen.

25. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 24, wherein said bendable needle further comprises:

a sharp cutting end; and

a hollow fitting attached to said tubular bendable needle opposite said sharp cutting end, such that said lumen being continuous from said hollow fitting to said sharp cutting end.

26. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 25, wherein said removable flexible stylet further comprises:

a tip;

a bendable body; and

a fitting connected to said tip via said bendable body, wherein said fitting engages with said hollow fitting and wherein said tip fits flush with a bevel of said sharp cutting end when said fitting is so engaged.

27. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 26, wherein said bendable body comprises one or more of a coil, a flexible tube, and a flexible rod.

28. (New) The bendable needle system of claim 26, wherein a cross-section of said lumen comprises a shape in which a plurality of points along the shape's perimeter are not equidistant from a longitudinal axis of said tubular bendable needle.